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For: COLORING AGENT AMOUNT RECORDING APPARATUS, COLORING AGENT MATERIALS COST PROCESSING APPARATUS, COLORING AGENT CARTRIDGE, AND COLLECTION OF THE CARTRIDGE

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 9, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claim Rejections:

Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 21 and 26-28 are all of the claims currently pending in the present application, and currently all of the claims stand rejected.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejection - Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 21 and 26-28:

Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 21 and 26-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,227,642 to Hanabusa et al. in view of U.S. Patent No.